| 1 | | 2 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | West Bengal | 1 | Bankura |
| | | 2 | Midnapur |
| | | 3 | Birbhum |
| | | 4 | Burdwan |
| | | 5 | Jalpaiguri |
| | | 6 | West Dinajpur |
| 12 | Lakshadweep | 1 | Lakshadweep |
| 13 | Pondicherry | 1 | Yanam |
| | | 2 | Karikal |
| | | 3 | Pondicherry |
| | TOTAL DISTRICTS : | 71 | |

**Air-India flights *to* Mexico**

187. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air lndia proposes to operate its flights to Mexico;

(b)' whether any delegation has recently visited Mexico in this connection; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the talks held with the Mexican Officials in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no such proposal for the present.

(b) No Civil Aviation delegation recently visited Mexico in connection with Air India flights.

(c) Question does not arise. Development

of Visakhapatnam Port

188. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister for SUR FACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop the Visakhapatnam Port for the purpose of export of iron ore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what expenditure is likely to be incurred in the expansion of the port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Facilities for the export of iron ore from Visakhapatnam Port are already in existence. A provision of Rs. 9.59 crores for modernisation of iron ore loading facilities and provision of Rs. 8 crores for deepening of the iron ore berth in order to receive iron ore carriers of upto 1.70 lakhs DWT have been included in the Vllth Plan.

**Kakinada Port**

189. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a)' whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade Kakinada sort us a major port

under the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) and (b) It has been decided by the Government net to upgrade Kakinada Port or any other minor-Port as a Major Port during the Seventh Five Year Plan due to resources constraint.

**Conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad Section into Broad Gauge**

190. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manmad-Aurangabad section is proposed to be converted from meter gauge into broad gauge before 1990; and

(b) if so, when the section between Anrangabad-Parbhani-ParLi and ParbhaniMudkhed-Adilabad is likely to be changed from metre gauge to groad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) and (b) Completion of conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad and other sections referred to will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

**Passenger traffic on Vasai Diva route**

191. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to start passenger trains on Vasai-Diva route; and

(b) if so, what will be the total expenditure and by when the track is likely to be ready for Mail, Express and passenger trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Not at present.

(b) At the present day cost, works required to be undertaken for the deve lopment of the Diva-Vasai rail lind are likely to cost approximately Rs. 5.5 crores. In view of acute scarcity of resources, no likely date for the link to be ready for passenger trains can be given at this stage.

**Job linked courses hi Secondary Schools and Colleges**

912. SHRI KALPNATH RAI; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to provide more jobs linked courses in the secondary schools and colleges in view of the increasing trend in educated unemployed;

(b) the number of students admitted in the country in 1986 and likely to be admitted next year; and

(c) whether Government propose to restrict admission of students to general courses in colleges with a view to reducing unemployment in future among the educated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The National Policy on Educa-tion-1986 envisages that vocational courses would cover 10 percent of higher secondary students by 1990. The policy also visualises organisation of tertiary level courses for those who complete the higher secondary courses of the academic stream.

The Programme of Action for the implementation of the policy approved by Parliament in August, 1986 outlines the steps proposed to be taken in this matter. These include the establishment and development of district, state and national level